



148 High Road

1771

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1935 Susqui-Centennial Celebration of the Town of Berlin – Berlin Old Houses.

About 1771

William Hooker

current owner: O.E, Swift

170 High Road

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 053

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William Hooker current owner: Joan and Donald Barton

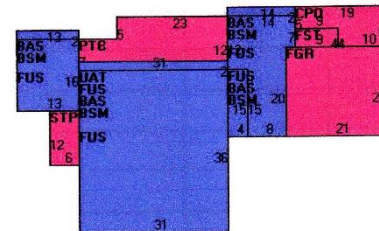
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current owner: Dean & Linda Martin

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Historic Buildings of Connecticut



The house at 148 High Road in the Kensington section of Berlin was built by William Hooker in 1771. In its early years it was used as an inn.

Genealogy:

William Hooker (1756-1826) son of Seth Hooker & Sarah Burnham. He married Hannah Jones (1758-1854) the daughter of Levi Jones & Elizabeth Cook. He served in the Revolutionary War in the 3rd Regiment, Connecticut Line: Col. Webb's regiment, Capt Bulkley's Company. In the early years the house served as an inn. He was a Berlin selectman in 1799. They were buried in the Dunham Cemetery.

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
(203) 566-3005

Town No.:										Site No.:									
UTM																			
QUAD:																			
DISTRICT										IF NR, SPECIFY									
<input type="checkbox"/> S					<input type="checkbox"/> NR					<input type="checkbox"/> Actual					<input type="checkbox"/> Potential				

IDENTIFICATION		1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
		1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		William Hooker House	
2. TOWN CITY		VILLAGE		COUNTY	
Berlin		Kensington		Hartford	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		148 High Road		2-3/9/15	
4. OWNER(S)		Joan T. & Barton, Donald		Kensington 06037 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present)		Residence		(Historic) Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD		INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		Vernacular		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
				c. 1771	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard		<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten		<input type="checkbox"/> Strucco	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding		<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Brick		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone		<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____			
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame		<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry		<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
10. ROOF (Type)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable		<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel		<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard		<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Round		<input type="checkbox"/> Sawtooth	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Tin		<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Tile		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street			
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		2 1/2		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
				32' x 35' (main portion)	
12. CONDITION (Structural)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Fair		<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	
		WHEN ?		(Alterations)	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No	
				IF YES, EXPLAIN	
				Garage addition; new clapboards	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		<input type="checkbox"/> Barn		<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house		<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Garage		<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)			
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		<input type="checkbox"/> Open land		<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential		<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial		<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rural		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS					

In an area of mostly 19th-century houses near Kensington center.

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DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)	
	<p>The William Hooker House has a five-bay facade with a central entry. The entry has plain pilasters and a plain frieze with a simple molded cap and a heavy paneled door. Windows have wide, plain-board surrounds and are fitted with old 12-over-12 sash and modern storm sash. The house has plain corner boards and an overhang across the gable ends. Much exterior wall cladding is recent. To the right is a modern one-story garage addition.</p>	
SIGNIFICANCE	18. ARCHITECT	BUILDER
	19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE	
<p>Despite the presence of a considerable amount of new exterior fabric, the William Hooker House is significant as a good surviving example of an 18th-century central chimney house. An adaptation of traditional English building techniques to a harsh climate rich in stone, timber, and firewood, the central chimney house was the predominant domestic building type in 18th-century New England. The large central chimney, generally constructed of stone below the roofline, functioned as an enormous thermal mass. Once warmed, its tons of rock could store and release heat for hours. It remained popular in relatively isolated areas such as Berlin until after 1800. Typical 18th-century features include the symmetrical five-bay facade, the ridge-parallel orientation, small-pane sash, and hewn overhang. The Hooker family built a number of houses in this section of Berlin; this dwelling was (continued)</p>		
SOURCES	Tercentenary List	
PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER HRC	DATE 11/84
	VIEW SW	NEGATIVE ON FILE G8
COMPILED BY	NAME Historic Resource Consultants	
	ADDRESS The Colt Armory 55 Van Dyke Avenue Hartford, Connecticut 06108	
20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS		



William Hooker House

19. (continued):

built by William Hooker in 1771. In its early years it served as an inn. The entry is more formal than is typical for late-18th-century houses in Berlin, with its pilasters and molded cap. The house's public function--an inn--probably accounts for the use of detailing usually associated with more fully realized examples of Georgian architecture.